

# City of Boston

## IN

### CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

#### CRISPUS ATTUCKS CHILDREN'S CENTER NATURAL PLAYGROUND LEARNING CENTER

- WHEREAS: Crispus Attucks Children's Center, on June 4, 2010, celebrated the opening of its Natural Playground Learning Center, which is designed to support efforts to fight childhood obesity by providing increased opportunities for exercise and active play, as well as multiple opportunities for experiential outdoor learning that enhances observational, problem solving, and critical thinking skills; and
- WHEREAS: The Crispus Attucks Children's Center provides early childhood education services for infants, toddlers and pre-school children from one month to seven years of age; and
- WHEREAS: Its mission is to promote physical, social-emotional and intellectual growth with special emphasis on preparing children for academic and life success; and
- WHEREAS: The Center offers a *Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Program*, which tracks children's health history and development; and provides vision, hearing, dental, speech and language screenings; parent counseling, referrals and advocacy; and
- WHEREAS: The Center also offers a *Violence Prevention Program* that helps children cope with loss, death, and violence, and teaches them to deal productively with conflict and alternative behaviors to violent situations; and
- WHEREAS: The Natural Playground Learning Center was made possible, in part, by support from Arnold Arboretum and Boston Greens; and
- WHEREAS: The Natural Playground Learning Center, in collaboration with the Boston Nature Center, will instruct teachers how to use the natural playground; and
- WHEREAS: The Natural Playground Learning Center, in collaboration with the Food Project's *Build a Garden Program*, will help children learn about food, sources of food, and how to create their own garden; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Crispus Attucks Children's Center for nearly 40 years of high-quality instructive services to families throughout the Greater Boston area; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Crispus Attucks Children's Center for introducing the Natural Playground Learning Center and promoting quality education and healthy lifestyles for children of the City of Boston.

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President of the City Council

Clerk of the City of Boston

June 2, 2010